



Open Space Committee

Minutes of June 28, 2018 meeting

Present: Jane Auger, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Kelsey Cowen, Brian Kelder, Ann LeRoy, John Pickle, Wendy Richter, David White

Absent: Nat Strosberg, Teresa DeBenedictis, Shirley Canniff

Minutes from May 24 meeting approved

Updates

- There will be a new planner for OSC in Town Planning Dept, maybe by Sept 15
- The Town will pay for the Open Space booth at Town Day
- Planning Dept is aware of the need to hire a consultant for the Open Space Plan for 2020, possibly with CPA funds
- PicturePost expansion to other locations in Arlington on hold until the organization works out long-term funding sources
- Ann LeRoy and David White discussed that Wellington Park along Mill Brook has been granted almost \$400K from the State's Municipal Vulnerability Plan (Arlington CPA is funding an additional \$100K) to create a 1-year pilot project to mitigate flooding by focusing on banks and vegetation. One challenge is that Lela Shepard, the Environmental Planner for Arlington, who spearheaded the grant, is leaving Arlington before the project gets underway.
- Robbins Farm update by Elisabeth Carr-Jones: Grass is coming in well; History Project underway to commemorate original farmhouse using stone seating to mark the original building, adding a plaque, and a statue of a dog similar to the original statue.
- Reservoir update by David White: After the summer season, the pump house renovations will begin and Flexi-Pave will be put in small sections with large tree roots across the path, as a pilot project for larger sections later.

Take A Walk/Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces

Review of maps-in-progress and suggestions:

- Add a key to historic and other sites along the way - "points of interest" will be coordinated with Ed Gordon; use different symbols from crosswalks
- Placement of Take A Walk logo and legends on maps
- Naming of routes – Leaning toward Geographic Name + A/B/C.... For example, Heights A, East B....
- Wendy and Elizabeth will coordinate ad hoc meetings with committee members and will contact Adam Kurowski to tweak the maps so that we can have hard copies for Town Day on Sat, September 15th
- Ad hoc meeting set for July 26 to review maps as needed

Minutes submitted by John Pickle

2018 Meeting Dates: July 26, August TBD, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov15, Dec13